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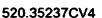
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Sir:

In supplement to the Third Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, the Second Supplemental Preliminary Amendment and Request for Interview filed on January 4, 2005, please further amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Claims and

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discharge confining means surrounding the vacuum processing chamber and

forming the electrode cover, the susceptive cover and the discharge confining means

to be comprised of silicon. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that method claim 26 is

so closely related to the apparatus claims 8-25 that common examination is

warranted. In addition, it is respectfully submitted by virtue of defining the features of

the discharge confining means and the formation of the electrode cover, the

susceptive cover and the discharge confining means to be comprised of silicon,

method claim 26 contains the same distinctions over the cited prior art discussed

above for the apparatus claims 8-25. Therefore, entry, consideration and allowance

of newly presented method claim 26 is also respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified

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To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37

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